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1. DHZ Chemie as of early May 1955 could not sell 26,500 steel flasks as oxygen containers (total value; 2,650,000 DEM), since no investment funds were granted to the oxygen-producing firms normally requiring these flasks.
2. This has two adverse effects on East German industry in that:
 - a. It ties up funds of DHZ-Chemie which are urgently needed for other trading purposes; and
 - b. The East German oxygen-producing plants have to let the oxygen escape unused for lack of proper containers.

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